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**Office Action Summary**

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- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/2/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1-5, 7**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aravamudan et al. (US Patent Number 6,301,609 B1) in view of Robinson et al. (US Patent Number 6,760,580 B2).

Regarding **claims 1-2**, Aravamudan teaches a method of emerging Instant Messaging (col 2 lines 60-63), comprising:

causing a mobile subscriber to register with an instant message system prior to participating in an instant message session (col 5 lines 5-9),

indicating availability of the mobile subscriber to buddies of the mobile subscriber (col 7 lines 1-8);

receiving an instant message intended for the mobile subscriber from one of the buddies (col 5 lines 25-31); and

Aravamudan fails to teach that the method of emerging **deleting** the instant message intended for the mobile subscriber from the one of the buddies if the mobile subscriber does not receive the instant message after the instant message is resent a predetermined number of times. However Robinson teaches a method for delivering of an instant message to a subscriber over multiple communication channels and further teaches **deleting** the instant message

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intended for the mobile subscriber (col 7 lines 30-35). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the above teaching of Robinson with Aravamudan, in order to provide a communication system that rapidly escalating in popularity is based instant messaging which offers more instantaneous gratification with respect to interactive communications between two or more users.

Regarding **claim 3**, Aravamudan teaches a mobile subscriber instant message system, comprising;

an instant proxy for receiving registration information from a mobile subscriber and for subsequently indicating to registered system subscribers participating in an instant message session that the mobile subscriber is available for receiving instant messages (col 2 lines 31-38);

Aravamudan allows for a high degree of control to be retained by the user, through the user of instant Messaging, to direct delivery of data and communications (col 9 lines 34-45). For example upon notification of a pending event of received data or communications by the communication service platform, the user may select to reject communication or to have data forwarded to Messaging system or elect to conference parties (col 11 lines 35-45). Aravamudan does not teach the instant Messaging proxy resending an instant message intended for the mobile subscriber if the subscriber received no response. However Robinson teaches a method for delivering of an instant message to a subscriber over multiple communication channels and further teaches **deleting** the instant message intended for the mobile subscriber (col 7 lines 30-35). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the above teaching of Robinson with Aravamudan, in order to provide a communication system that

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rapidly escalating in popularity is based instant messaging which offers more instantaneous gratification with respect to interactive communications between two or more users.

Regarding **claims 4-5**, Aravamudan teaches a mobile subscriber instant message system wherein the instant message proxy is located an instant message server (See figure 1, numerals 120, 130); and the instant message proxy is located in proximity a mobile system gateway (See figure 1, numerals 130, 126).

Regarding **claim 7**, Aravamudan teaches a mobile subscriber instant message system further comprising a log in server with which the mobile subscriber must register prior to participating in an instant message session, the log in server for indicating to the registered system subscribers participating in the instant message session that the mobile subscriber is available for receiving instant messages (col 7 lines 33-37, col 8 lines 56-63).

3. **Claim 6**, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aravamudan et al. (US Patent Number 6,301,609 B1) in view of Robinson et al. (US Patent Number 6,760,580), in further view of Drott et al. (US Patent Number 6,333,929 B1).

Regarding **claim 6**, Aravamudan teaches a mobile subscriber instant message system wherein the instant message proxy (col 2 lines 32-38, col 7 lines 41-49). The combination of Aravamudan modified by Robinson fails to teach that Proxy includes at least one of a timer and a counter programmed to limit the instant message from being sent to the mobile subscriber for at least one of only the predetermined number of times and within a predetermined time

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period. However Drottat teaches a timer and a counter programmed to limit the message from being sent to remote device for the predetermined number of times and within a predetermined time period (col 9 lines 40-50). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Drottat method with Aravamudan modified by Robinson, in order to enhance the system performance by providing more accuracy.

4. **Claims 8-20**, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aravamudan et al. (US Patent Number 6,301,609 B1) in view of Mawhinney (US Patent Number 6,091,710).

Regarding **claims 8-9, 17, 19-20**, Aravamudan teaches a method of a service providers client access to one or more plurality of client premises equipments (CPE) 140, the CPE can be a wireless phone, and service provider can be PSTN. Communications and data can be exchange between the CPE and PSTN via switch module 124 or routing module 122 (see figure 1). An Instant Messaging system is utilized to provide new and useful features and services for clients (col 4 lines 54-64). A communication service platform (CSP) is registered with the IM server as a "buddy" to the subscriber client. The location of subscribers CPE is located by the CPS 160, the CPS initiates communications to the subscribing client via instant messages, and the CPS solicits a response from the subscribers CPE (col 5 line 15-31). The method comprising: notifying the mobile subscriber when instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit (col 10 lines 23-31). When the subscribers are off line, all others (buddies) who have identified the user as a buddy are notified that the user is not online and is not available (col 10 lines 11-15). Aravamudan fails to teach that queuing instant messages intended for the

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mobile subscriber while the mobile subscriber is not registered with the instant message system, and facilitating connection of the mobile subscriber to the instant message system to enable the mobile subscriber to retrieve the queued instant messages. However Mawhinney teaches a method of reducing data queuing instant messages intended for data packets that are transmitted in accordance with Internet protocol. TCP is utilized at the transport layer to provide flow control utilizing message acknowledgments (col 8 lines 19-20). Three nodes are illustrated in Figure 4, an upstream node 160 (Mobile unit), and intermediate node, which also provide queuing function, or a down stream node 162, and a destination node end-point 164 (Instant Messaging) (col 9 lines 30-35). The intermediate node 162 (queuing function) is capable of identifying acknowledgments from the end point 164 (Instant Messaging) by the information contained in the TCP header. In figure 5, shows five messages have been transmitted by the upstream node (Mobile Unit) without receiving acknowledgments from queuing. The upstream 160 (Mobile unit) waits to receive acknowledgments, thereafter transmits messages on a one-to-one basis. Once limit of queuing is reached maximum, then Mobile would not transmit further message until another message ( acknowledgments) is received. Another word the intermediate node (Mobile Unit) starts transmitting messages to IM service when the queuing is reached to Maximum number. For example upon max transmission of seven (n=5), having received only four acknowledgments, the upstream nodes (Mobile units) waits receipt of the fifth acknowledgment (col 10 lines 32-65). Then when the maximized Queuing is reached, Mobile starts establishing connection between mobile subscriber and instant message service. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Mawhinney method with



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Aravamudan, in order to establish connection between Mobile unit and Instant Messaging service while avoiding excess queuing message for IM.

Regarding **claims 10-12, 14-15**, Aravamudan does not specifically mention that notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when a predetermined number of buddies send messages intended for the mobile subscriber within a predetermined amount of time. However Mawhinney teaches the notifying the mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit (col 11 lines 1-9 and abstract) comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when a predetermined number of buddies send messages intended for the mobile subscriber within a predetermined amount of time (col 10 lines 42-65). Mawhinney teaches that once the system threshold has reached, for example the system threshold is five, five messages have been transmitted by upstream node, without receiving acknowledgments the upstream node waits to receive acknowledgment, (waiting times is the predetermined times). The five messages are queued for a certain amount of time (waiting period) till an acknowledgment received, and thereafter transmits messages. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Mawhinney teaching to Aravamudan, in order to improve the performance by better bandwidth utilization.

Regarding **claim 16**, Aravamudan fails to teach a method wherein the predetermined limit in the notifying the mobile when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit is based at least in part on mobile subscriber-based instructions. However Mawhinney teaches the notifying the

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mobile subscriber when queued instant message parameters reach a predetermined limit (col 11 lines 1-10) comprises notifying the mobile subscriber when a predetermined number of buddies send messages intended for the mobile subscriber within a predetermined amount of time (col 10 lines 42-65). Mawhinney teaches that once the system threshold has reached, for example the system threshold is five, five messages have been transmitted by upstream node, without receiving acknowledgments the upstream node waits to receive acknowledgment, (waiting times is the predetermined times). The five messages are queued for a certain amount of time (waiting period) till an acknowledgment received, and thereafter transmits messages. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Mawhinney teaching to Aravamudan, in order to improve the performance by better bandwidth utilization. (col 7 lines 35-44, col 9 lines 1-5).

Regarding **claim 18**, Aravamudan fails to teach a method further comprising downloading the queued instant messages intended for the mobile subscriber when one of a high priority instant message is received and the mobile subscriber sends an outgoing message. However Mawhinney teaches a method comprising: downloading the queued instant messages intended for the mobile subscriber when one of a high priority instant message is received and the mobile subscriber sends an outgoing message (col 2 lines 25-36, col 10 lines 42-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use Mawhinney teaching to Aravamudan, in order to achieve better bandwidth utilization, and provide better feasibility for the system.

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***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

**. Conclusion**

6. **Any responses to this action should be mailed to:**

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